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SUBJ: MEETING OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE SUGAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES
IN MEXICO

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1. SUBJECT MEETING BEGAN IN PRESIDENTE HOTEL IN COZUMEL, CARRIBEAN RESORT ISLAND OFF COAST QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO, NOV 25 AND MOVED TO MEXICO CITY FOR FINAL DAY NOV 27 WHERE MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR GROUP. TWENTY HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES ATTENDING MEETING ACCORDING MEXICAN PRESS, OF WHICH MOST NOTABLE FROM VOLUME OF EXPORTS ARE BRAZIL, CUBA, MEXICO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND ARGENTINA.

2. ACCORIDING PRESS REPORTS FRANCISCO ANO ESCALANTE, HEAD MEXICAN NATIONAL SUGAR COMMISSION, THE 20 COUNTRIES REACHED AGREEMENT IN COZUMEL TO FORM IBEROAMERICANA AND CARIBBEAN ORGANIZATION SUGAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES.
THE ORGANIZATION WOULD SHARE INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND TECHNOLOGY AND COORDINATE MARKETING ACTIVITIES SO AS TO PREVENT SPECULATION IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES AND PROTECT PRICES TO EXPORTERS. THERE WAS ALSO VAGUE MENTION TAKING WITHHOLDING ACTION ON EXPORTS SHOULD WORLD PRICES FALL US 20 CENTS PER POUND, RAW BASIS, BFLOW CURRENT LEVEL.

3. THE MEETING HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN RELATIVE SECRECY WITH DAILY STATEMENTS TO PRESS BY CANO ESCALANTE AND OTHERS TO EFFECT MEETING PROGRESSING WELL AND COMMON UNITED FRONT CERTAIN TO EMERGE BUT THAT DETAILS OF FINAL ACCORD COULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO PUBLIC AT THIS TIME. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUBAN DELEGATION INDICATED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP SHOULD NOT BE MISCONSTRUED AS A DESIRE ON CUBA'S PART TO REINTEGRATE ECONOMICALLY WITH THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. HIS REMARKS WERE IN RESPONSE TO NEWSMAN'S QUESTIONS AS TO WHY CUBA WAS SELLING SUGAR AT 24 US CENTS PER KILO WHEN WORLD PRICE WAS FIVE TIMES THAT AMOUNT.
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4. ACCORDING TO CANO ESCALANTE THE 20 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ACCOUNT FOR 61 PERCENT OF TOTAL WORLD SUGAR EXPORTS AND IN 1974 WILL EXPORT 3.6 MILLION MT SUGAR TO THE U.S., 6 MILLION MT TO THE WORLD MARKET, AND 3.2 MILLION MT TO OTHER COUNTRIES UNDER BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. THE FIRST POLICY MAKING OF THE NEW GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR

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APRIL 1975 IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

6. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT MEXICO MEETING:

ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BRAZIL, CUBA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA,
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, GUAYANA,
HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY,
PERU, TRINIDAD TOBAGO, VENEZUELA
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